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## **STATE OF INDIANA ANNOUNCES INDIANA'S SALUTE TO WOMEN 2004 TORCHBEARERS**

Indianapolis, Ind. – The Indianapolis Artsgarden was the setting for the Indiana Commission for Women's first annual Indiana's Salute to Women - *The Torchbearer Awards* ceremony on September 30, 2004. The Torchbearer Award is the highest honor given by the State of Indiana to Hoosier women who have overcome or removed barriers to equality or whose achievements have contributed to making our state a better place in which to live, work or raise a family.

The Indiana Commission for Women (ICW) honored 23 women with a Torchbearer medallion in various categories. A council of judges comprised of women throughout the State determined the final awardees by using a three part pre-determined scoring process. The woman with the highest point rating was selected to be the Torchbearer in that category. In addition, the Council of Judges had the power to create special awards. These awards are the Community Spirit Award, Hoosier Ambassador Award, Trailblazer Award and the Heart of Indiana Award.

Notable Hoosier women were at hand to present the awards. In addition, former and current women State elected officials were honored with a procession at the beginning of the ceremony where First Lady Maggie Kernan presented each of them with a medallion. The statue, titled *Victory* (or known to some as Miss Victory or Miss Indiana), from the top of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument is the image that was chosen to represent the Torchbearer Awards. *Victory* is symbolic of the character and achievements of each Torchbearer.

***Winners of the 2004 Indiana's Salute to Women Torchbearer Awards are:***

Advertising & Marketing Award - Glenda Steele, Plainfield  
Nominated by: Chateau Thomas Winery

The Arts - Joyce Sommers, Indianapolis  
Nominated by: Indianapolis Arts Center

Education - Martha Chiscon, West Lafayette  
Nominated by: YWCA of Greater Lafayette

Entrepreneurship - Jane Martin, Bloomington  
Nominated by: Indiana University Foundation

Financial Services - Mary Bennett, South Bend  
Nominated by: Crowe Chizek & Company, LLC

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## ICW Torchbearer Awards/add 1

Health, Medicine & Life Sciences - Patricia Treadwell M.D., Indianapolis

Nominated by: Indiana Chapter – American Academy of Pediatrics

Journalism & Communications - Lucy Himstedt, Evansville

Nominated by: Neighborhood Educational Enrichment Development Site (NEEDS)

Labor Advocate - Cordelia Lewis-Burks, Indianapolis

Nominated by: Eastside Baptist Church

The Law - Virginia O’Leary, Oakland City

Nominated by: Evansville Bar Association

Social Services - Ana Guisti, Fort Wayne

Nominated by: Center for Nonviolence

Sports & Fitness - Marjorie Albohm, Indianapolis

Nominated by: Indiana Athletic Trainers Association

Volunteerism - Sue Webster, Crane

Nominated by: Hoosier Hills Chapter – Federally Employed Women

Women in Government - Kathy L. Davis, Indianapolis

Nominated by: Office of the Lieutenant Governor

Youth Mentor - Mary Joan Dickson, Cedar Lake

Nominated by: All Golfcar, Inc.

Family/Child Advocate - Donna Gore Olson, Indianapolis

Nominated by: Community Education and Child Advocacy Department

Mental Health Advocate - Cecilia Weber, Lafayette

Nominated by: YWCA of Greater Lafayette

Non-Traditional Career - Andrea McCord, Bedford

Nominated by: Lawrence County Juvenile Drug Court

ICW Lifetime Achievement - Jane Fribley, Indianapolis

Nominated by: Indiana Women’s History Association

Woman of Promise Award - Alexandra Holderman, Mishawaka

Nominated by: Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism

Community Spirit Award – Charlotte Zeitlow, Bloomington

Nominated by: Middle Way House

Hoosier Ambassador Award – Judy Singleton, Indianapolis

Nominated by: Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series

Trailblazer Award – Myra Selby, Indianapolis

Nominated by: Community Hospitals of Indiana

Heart of Indiana Award – Julia Carson, Indianapolis

Nominated by: Planned Parenthood of Indiana

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